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Prior Service Reenlistment Policy Liberalized in Army

Army has liberalized its policy for determining the reenlistment entry grade of prior service personnel in a move to enhance career retention and to increase its manpower pool of mature and experienced enlisted personnel.

A significant aspect of the new policy applies to all prior service personnel whose service break is for more than 24 months. Grade determination will be made on an individual basis according to Army MOS requirements.

It is possible for an individual to reenter under these circumstances at no more than a one-grade reduction. Grade determinations under the old policy were not compatible with the reenlistee's training and experience and offered little incentive to reenlist. An E-9, for example, was authorized no more than E-2 if the break was for more than 24 months.

Army Announces Promotions In General Officer Grades

General officer promotions have been announced by Army, elevating one general officer to lieutenant general, seven to major general, and 14 colonels to brigadier general.

Maj. Gen. John J. Davis was promoted to temporary lieutenant general.

Temporary promotions to major general were announced for Brig. Gens. Richard G. Ciccolella, Charles A. Corcoran, Donald R. Pierce, John H. Hay Jr., John M. Wright Jr., Robert R. Linvill, and Ellis W. Williamson.

Permanent promotion to brigadier general was announced for Col. Robert B. Shira, DC.

Temporary brigadier general promotions were announced for Cols. Edward T. Podufaly, CE, Bernard W. Rogers, Inf., Allen M. Burdett Jr., Inf., William A. Knowlton, Armor, Albert E. Milloy, Inf. and John A. B. Dillard Jr., CE.

Other temporary brigadier general promotions were announced for Cols. Mahlon E. Gates, CE, Charles W. Ryder Jr., Inf., Frank H. Linnell, Inf., Robert E. Mathe, CE, Richard L. Irby, Armor, Francis J. Roberts, Arty., and Richard M. Lee, Inf.

ADVISOR DECORATED—Republic of Vietnam Air Vice Marshal Nguyen Cao Ky presents the National Order of Vietnam, Fourth Class award to Brig. Gen. Albert W. Schinz, USAF, Chief, Air Section MAAG-Vietnam. Gen. Schinz has been chief USAF advisor to the Vietnamese Air Force since July 1965. In mid-November he assumes command of the Tactical Air Warfare Center, Eglin AFB, Fla.

Retired Military Receive 3.7% Pay Increase Dec. 1

All retired members of the Armed Forces entitled to retired or retainer pay before December 1 will receive a 3.7 percent increase in their pay on that date, DOD announced.

The Nov. 1 announcement pointed out that by law (Section 1401a(b) of Title 10 United States Code) military retired pay will be increased whenever the Consumer Price Index (CPI) has risen at least three percent over the index when last adjusted and remained at that level for three consecutive months.

The last retired pay increase came Sept. 1, 1965, amounted to 4.4 percent and was based on the August 1965 CPI of 110.00.

CPI's for July, August and September of this year were 3.0, 3.45 and 3.72 percentage points respectively above the 110 base set in August 1965.

The law also stipulates these points:

- the increase will be adjusted to the highest percent rise of the three-month period;
- the increase becomes effective on the first day of the third month following that event.

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VIETNAM LOSS RATE has remained about the same since February. But with 100,000 additional men now serving in the Southeast Asian republic, the casualty rate per man deployed has declined, U.S. officials point out.

NAVY SECRETARY HAS approved initial increment of secondary school districts for establishment of Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training Program. Nineteen high schools will host NJROTC units. Additionally, applications have been received from 11 high schools. It is anticipated Navy's 30-unit goal for FY67 will be achieved.

TEMPORARY ENLISTED PROMOTION quotas have been released to major Army commanders for November. The quotas, by grade, are E-9, 79; E-8, 328; E-7, 1,233; E-6, 4,162; E-5, 19,247; and E-4, 46,370.

TAKE THE LOW-GROUND was the unusual battle cry in Vietnam recently during "Operation Irving." Massive helicopter transport allowed troopers to land on ridge lines and work their way down, contrasting with customary jump-off from valleys and the push to take high ground.

DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY'S new Deputy Director, effective Nov. 10, is VAdm. Vernon L. Lowrance, formerly Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet. He succeeds VAdm. Rufus L. Taylor who moved to Central Intelligence Agency in October as Deputy Director.

UNIT COMMANDERS OF Army's 1st Cav Div (Airmobile) have sent letters of acceptance and appreciation to Columbia, S.C. Chamber of Commerce. Letters stem from city's adoption of division. Citizens plan to write fighting men and support them in various ways.

A REAR ADMIRAL holds distinction of being Navy's last Paymaster General of the Supply Corps and first Chief of Supply Corps. He is RAdm. Herschel J. Goldberg, SC, Commander, Naval Supply Systems Command, the 34th and last Paymaster General. Officials said the new title better reflects the wide range of responsibilities called for today in this position.

STRONGEST GROUP of Armed Forces chess players will compete for Thomas Emery Championship Trophy and other honors in seventh Armed Forces Chess Tournament, Nov. 11-18 in Washington, D.C. Tournament is sponsored by the American Chess Foundation in cooperation with the Department of Defense, military services, USO and the U.S. Chess Foundation.

UNITED NATIONS IN miniature is claim of 2d Armored "Hell on Wheels" Division, Ft. Hood, Tex., whose ranks include 98 foreign-born members, representing 31 nations.

NEW TYPE SECURITY unit, the 1041 U.S. Air Force Security Police Squadron at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, is composed of volunteers who are recent graduates of the Army's Ranger School at Ft. Benning, Ga. Air Force said it has high hopes for the project called "Operation Safeside" and has plans to form more of these units.

HELICOPTER TO BUFFALO program, a recent impromptu but highly effective cooperation effort with National Park Service, featured use of an Air Force helicopter to corral buffalo herd at Wind Cave National Park in Custer, S.D. It took about six hours to round up 220 head of buffalo with chopper's engine roar.

ARMY HAS AN active duty "F" Troop assigned to Vietnam as a component of the 196th Light Inf. Bde. 25th Inf Div. Troop "F", 17th Cavalry, has three fast moving reconnaissance platoons armed with jeep-mounted M-60 guns and 160mm recoilless rifles and a mortar and rifle squad for each platoon.

GREAT BRITAIN'S Director of Women's Royal Air Force, Ministry of Defense, Air Commandant Dame Felicity B. Hill, D.B.E., A.D.C., is in the U.S. as guest of the Air Force and the Director of WAF, Col. Jeanne Holm. She attended the annual WAF Staff Directors Conference and is visiting Air Force installations before her return to England Nov. 10.

SAC ACADEMIC PROGRAM permits officers to obtain advanced education while on Minuteman missile launch control duty—756 crewmembers are now in graduate and undergraduate study; 68 have earned Master of Aerospace Engineering degrees and 16 Master of Business Administration degrees. Program has been designed to allow academic graduation coinciding with completion of officer's normal duty tour.

ARMY SURGEON GENERAL opened fifth CENTO Military Medical Conference at Walter Reed Army Institute of Research. Four-day conference included delegates from Iran, Pakistan, Turkey and the United Kingdom. Meetings allow an exchange of ideas mutually enhancing CENTO's military medical activities and provide for military medicine standardization where feasible and appropriate.

ANTISUBMARINE WARFARE COMMITTEE'S membership, objectives and administrative procedures spelled out again in SECNAVINST 5420.128C, superseding SECNAV Instructions 5420.128B of June 13, 1964. The ASW committee was established originally in 1945. Navy said membership was established "in order to assure joint concentration of effort by top civilian and military executives on the broad aspects of the Navy's antisubmarine warfare programs."

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Air Force Seeks Nominations For Senior Enlisted Advisor

Air Force has asked its major commands to nominate qualified E-9s for consideration and eventual selection early next year to fill the newly created post of Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force.

Commands have been given quotas—for example, SAC has three nominations and ADC, MAC, PACAF and TAC two each—and the criteria that calls for nominating E-9s with at least two years in grade, a minimum of 22 years' active duty, and who are at least high school graduates or the equivalent.

A special board will screen 26 nominees. Top three names will be sent to Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. McConnell. He will select one for No. 1 enlisted post.

AF Chief Master Sergeant will get extra pay, serve a two-year tour, which can be extended at Chief of Staff's discretion, and will report directly to the Secretary of the Air Force and Chief of Staff to present his views and recommendations on ideas and proposals affecting airmen.

Similar positions are now filled in the Army and the Marine Corps. The Navy expects to announce results on selection of its Senior Enlisted Advisor within a few weeks.

Selection will not involve Senate confirmation, as legislation introduced this year to create Senior Enlisted Advisor positions within all the Armed Services has yet to be enacted.

Army Officers Receive Awards For Military Medicine Contributions

Awards will be presented to Army officers for contributions to military medicine during the 73d Annual Meeting of the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States, Nov. 8.

Sir Henry Wellcome Medal and Prize, consisting of a silver medal, a scroll and a $500 honorarium will go to Lt. Col. Frank W. Kiel, MC, for his prize-winning essay "The Development of a Blood Program in Vietnam."

Col. Jesse N. Butler, MSC, will receive the 1966 Andrew Craigie Award for outstanding success in procuring pharmaceuticals for the military medical services. The award is a silver plaque and a $500 honorarium.

The Major Louis Livingston Seaman Prize will be presented to Lt. Col. Pierre A. Finck, MC, for his article "Ballistic and Forensic Pathologic Aspects of Missile Wounds," published in Association's June 1965 issue of Military Medicine. Award consists of a scroll and a $175 honorarium.

AMMO RESUPPLY—Crewmen aboard the aircraft carrier USS Intrepid guide a pallet load of ordnance aboard during underway replenishment operations with the ammunition ship USS Mauna Loa while steaming in South China Sea off Vietnam coast. The ordnance is used by ship's aircraft in air strikes against targets in North Vietnam.

AF Contracts for Version Of Navy's A-7 Corsair II

Air Force will buy a version of the Navy's A-7 Corsair II attack aircraft. The letter contract is for $19,147,000.

The contract provides for specifications, plans, additional design effort, tool planning and fabrication, and long lead time material procurement, the announcement said.

"It will later be definitized under a multi-year type contract."

Air Force said it was buying the A-7 to complement programmed F-4 and F-111 supersonic tactical fighter forces.

"It will be employed in a variety of roles, including strike missions, close air support of ground troops, and interdiction of enemy supply lines."

The Air Force's version of the plane will be called the A-7D Corsair II. The Navy's version is called the A-7 Corsair II attack aircraft.

Described as a heavily-armored, single-place subsonic jet attack aircraft, the A-7D has a 650 m.p.h. maximum speed, more than 2,780 miles ferry range, and in-flight refueling capability to extend this range.

It can carry 15,000 pounds of bombs in a variety of configurations. It is armed with one internal 20mm M-61 Gatling gun and with six wing stations to carry gun-pods, rockets and bombs.

FAA Proposes High Altitude Air Control

Control of both military and civilian aircraft flying as high as 60,000 to 150,000 feet is being proposed by the Federal Aviation Agency.

The FAA said extending the upper limits of air traffic control is necessary to accommodate high flying military aircraft and the forthcoming civilan supersonic transports.

Noting aircraft speeds, pilot preoccupation with cockpit duties and limited visibility at high altitudes, the FAA noted that "See and Avoid" methods of avoiding another plane in good weather at lower altitudes are not practical.

In proposing its ruling, the FAA invited interested persons to make comments in triplicate before the Dec. 9 deadline and addressed to: Airspace Docket No. 66-WQ-7, FAA Rules Docket, 800 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, D.C. 20553.

FY66 Army Accident Rate Reduced to Record Low

The record low in Army accidents achieved in FY65 has been further reduced by seven percent in FY66—from 31,429 to 29,180, with disabling accidental injuries the lowest for any year since FY48.

Military personnel injury rate of 3.74 injuries per 100,000 man days is the best ever recorded and represents a 15 percent improvement over FY65. Civilian injury rate of 2.04 per 1,000,000 man hours was 11 percent better than the FY65 rate of 2.28.

Army's motor vehicle accident rate —.83 per 100,000 miles of operation—also is better than any previous year and six percent better than FY65 rate.

Aircraft accident frequency rate continued downward, 14.17 per 100,000 flight hours, 27 percent below the FY65 rate. Aircraft property damage costs decreased 11 percent although flight hours increased.

WELCOME—General William C. Westmoreland, Commander, U.S. Military Assistance Command Vietnam, welcomes troops of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment to Vietnam at a staging area outside Saigon.

SRAM Missile Contractor Selected by Air Force

Short Range Attack Missiles (SRAM) to be carried by FB-111 bombers and later adapted to late model B-52s will be developed and produced by the Boeing Co. of Seattle, Wash.

The SRAM, officially known as the AGM-69A, is an air-to-surface missile that provides aircraft with the stand-off capability to attack heavily-defended targets.

The announcement said Boeing was selected by the AF Secretary and there was an award of a development contract with a $142.3 million target price and an approved production target price of $93.5 million.

Project is under control of the AFM-69A System Program Office of the Aeronautical Systems Division, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.

The system will be acquired under the "Total Package Procurement Concept," calling for all development and production options to be procured in one contractual package.

Silver Anniversary Nominations Include Six Military Officers

The Army, Navy and Marines are represented among the candidates for Sports Illustrated's Silver Anniversary All-America Awards this year.

Six officers have been proposed by their alma maters: Army Colonel Raymond P. Murphy, Washington, D.C., Navy Captains William S. Busik, Pearl Harbor, and Custer F. Krickenberger, currently on the staff of CINCPAC; Marine Lt. Col. Ephriam Kirby-Smith, El Toro Marine Air Station, Calif., Col. Charles E. Walker of the Second Marine Division, and Col. Benjamin S. Read of the Third Marine Division.

The SI award is unique in that nomination alone is a singular tribute. It means that the university has reviewed the accomplishments of its senior football players of 25 years ago and has deemed the candidate's record of achievement in the intervening period worthy of consideration by the panel of judges who elect this award roster. Universities do not nominate unless they have a candidate of exceptional merit.

Antarctic Power Plant Sets Operation Record

The longest continuous run for a military nuclear power plant was established in early October by Navy's McMurdo Station plant in the Antarctic with a record 3,356 hours uninterrupted operation.

A crew of 24 Seabees and Navy hospital corpsmen operate the PM-3A plant. It was constructed in 1962 and has since produced more than 24 million kilowatt hours of electricity.

The nuclear plant also provides steam for the first U.S. land-based nuclear desalinization unit. The steam is used to convert sea water into fresh water for the station's needs.

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